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Wisconsin Veterans Museum Building Clean Up Information

MADISON – Like some other businesses in Madison’s State Street area, the exterior of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum on the Capitol Square was recently damaged. No damage was done to the interior of the Museum.

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, like those other businesses, has covered most of the damaged areas with plywood that has been recently painted with art provided by local artists in order to celebrate inclusivity, diversity and recognize the plight of Black Lives and Black Veterans in Wisconsin.

Some damage to the building’s stone could not be covered and requires professional repair. While the WDVA cannot move unilaterally to remove markings from the museum’s stone exterior as it’s building is privately owned and leased, WDVA leadership has been in contact with the building owners and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation about possible solutions.

As these discussions continue, people concerned about the visual integrity of the museum and its nationally-regarded collections and exhibits should contact the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation at (608) 261-0536 or <https://wisvetmuseum.com/foundation/> to offer support.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, which administers the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, recognizes and champions inclusivity and diversity from a veterans' perspective. The Wisconsin Veterans Museum proudly shares Wisconsin’s military history and celebrates Wisconsin’s diverse veterans who have served from the Civil War until today.

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